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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6474

BILL NUMBER: SB 114

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 23, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Excused absences from school for state fair activities.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Leising

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the governing body of a school corporation or the chief administrative officer of a nonpublic school system shall authorize, for not more than three instructional days in a school year, the absence and excuse of each school student who participates in the State Fair. It provides that an excused absence to participate in the State Fair may not be used in calculations to assess a school's improvement.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014.

Explanation of State Revenues: The State Fair might experience an increase in revenue because of this bill. The amount of the increase is unknown at this time.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* This bill could impact schools that begin classes before or during the State Fair, which is held over a two-week period, usually in the month of August. According to the latest data from Department of Education on the 2013-14 school year, about 6% of all public and nonpublic schools have a start date in July and approximately 93% have a start date in August, with the remainder (about eight schools) having a start date in early September. Assuming that the average end of the State Fair would be no later than August 25, approximately 99% of all schools would be impacted by this bill.

Under the bill, an excused absence to participate in the State Fair may not be used in calculations to assess a school's improvement.

Additional Information: Current law permits a student to be excused without prejudice in certain

circumstances:

- a. Service as a page for or as an honoree of the General Assembly when verified by a certificate of the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives;
- b. Serving on a precinct election board or assisting a political candidate or a political party on the date of each general, city or town, special, and primary election at which the student works;
- c. Subpoenaed to appear in court as a witness in a judicial proceeding;
- d. Ordered to active duty with the Indiana National Guard for not more than 10 days in a school year;
- e. Participating in a Civil Air Patrol activity for not more than five days in a school year, such as an international air cadet program or an emergency service operation (e.g., search and rescue missions, disaster relief operations, humanitarian services, support missions flown at the request of the U.S. Air Force, or military flights if the flights are not available on days when school is not in session.)

A student may also be excused at the discretion of the school corporation's governing body to attend, without prejudice, any educationally related non-classroom activity.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Fair.

Local Agencies Affected: Public and nonpublic school corporations.

Information Sources: Department of Education database.

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